

# Glossary of Acronyms and Other Terms

The following acronyms and terms are commonly used in the work of the National Assessment Governing Board.

AASA	American Association of School Administrators
ACT	Formerly American College Testing
ADC	Assessment Development Committee (Board Committee responsible for test development on all NAEP subjects)
AERA	American Educational Research Association
AFT	American Federation of Teachers
AIR	American Institutes for Research
ALDs	Achievement Level Descriptions
ALS	Achievement Levels Setting
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress (From the No Child Left Behind Act)
BOTA	Board on Testing and Assessment, National Academy of Sciences
CCSS	Common Core State Standards
CCSSO	Council of Chief State School Officers
CGCS	Council of the Great City Schools
COSDAM	Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology (Board committee responsible for technical issues)
CRESST	Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing (Research Center at UCLA)
DAC	Design and Analysis Committee (Advisory panel to ETS on technical issues in NAEP operations)
ECS	Education Commission of the States (First NAEP contractor and organization supporting state policy leaders)

EIMAC	Education Information Management Advisory Consortium (Advisory committee to CCSSO, mostly state testing directors)
ELs or ELLs	English Learners or English Language Learner (Pronounced "Ls"; formerly called Limited English Proficient or LEP)
ELPA	English Language Proficiency Assessment (Also ELPA21)
EPIC	Education Policy Improvement Center
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
ETS	Educational Testing Service
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulations
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GPO	Government Printing Office
GSA	General Services Administration
HSTS	High School Transcript Study (A special NAEP data collection)
IEP	Individualized Education Plan (A required document under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which specifies learning objectives for an individual student found with a disability)
IES	Institute of Education Sciences (The Department of Education office in which NCES is located. The Director of IES is an ex-officio member of the Governing Board.)
IRA	International Reading Association
IRT	Item Response Theory (A theory for design, analysis, and scoring of tests)
KaSA	Knowledge and Skills Appropriate (A series of NAEP research studies to improve measurement precision)

KSA	Knowledge, Skill, and/or Ability (A statement describing a subset of academic content)
LEP	Limited English Proficient (Term formerly used for an English Language Learner)
LTT	Long Term Trend Assessment (Series of NAEP tests that began in the early 1970's)
MST	Multi-stage Testing (A testing format where subsets of test items are presented to students based on item difficulty and student performance)
NAE	National Academy of Education
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress (Pronounced "nape")
NAESP	National Association of Elementary School Principals
NAGB	National Assessment Governing Board (Pronounced "nag bee")
NAS	National Academy of Sciences
NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education
NASSP	National Association of Secondary School Principals
The Nation's Report Card	Alternate reference for NAEP assessments
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics (Project office for NAEP in the U.S. Department of Education and IES)
NCLB	No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
NCME	National Council on Measurement in Education

NCTE	National Council of Teachers of English
NCTM	National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
NEA	National Education Association
NEA	National Endowment for the Arts
NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities
NGSS	Next Generation Science Standards
NRC	National Research Council
NSBA	National School Boards Association
NSLP	National School Lunch Program
NVS	NAEP Validity Studies Panel
OGC	Office of the General Counsel (in the U.S. Department of Education)
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
PARCC	Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
PIRLS	Progress in International Reading Literacy Study
PISA	Program for International Student Assessment
POC	Principal Operating Components (Divisions of the U.S. Department of Education)
PTA	Parent Teacher Association
R&D	Reporting and Dissemination Committee (Board Committee responsible for NAEP reporting issues)
RFP	Request for Proposals
RP	Response probability (probability of correct response on a test question)
RTT	Race to the Top (also referred to as RTTT)

SBAC	SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium
SD	Students with Disabilities
SES	Socio-economic Status
TBA	Technology-based Assessment
TEL	Technology and Engineering Literacy <i>(A content area assessed by NAEP)</i>
The Department	United States Department of Education
The Secretary	Secretary of Education <i>(Honorable Arne Duncan during the Obama administration)</i>
TIMSS	Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
TUDA	Trial Urban District Assessment <i>(NAEP component that measures students in large urban districts)</i>